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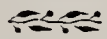

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GORRELL FAMILY HISTORY

James and William Gorrell, brothers, sons of Oliver Gorrell, were soldiers under Robert Emmet, the Irish insurrectionist. They were captured by the English and exiled, coming to America. William the younger brother, settled in Virginia. James, the elder brother, located in Beaver county, Pa., where he was married to Sarah Milholland, who was born in Virginia on April 6, 1771. James Gorrell was born in Ireland March 13, 1770. To them twenty-one (21) children were born, nineteen of whom grew to manhood and womanhood. James died Dec. 1, 1826, and was buried at Old Salem Presbyterian church in Beaver county, Pa. The names of seventeen of the children have been learned. They are:

James Gorrell, born in 1790; Samuel Gorrell; Moses Gorrell; William Gorrell; Thomas Gorrell (who died in infancy); John Gorrell; Joseph Gorrell; Amos Gorrell; Jesse Gorrell; Thomas Gorrell, (second son of same name, the first having died); Sarah (Gorrell) Hazlett; Elizabeth (Gorrell) White-Bliss; Hanna (Gorrell) Thompson; Rachel (Gorrell) Thurston; Lettie (Gorrell) Foughty; Eliza (Gorrell) Reynolds; Mary (Gorrell) . . . . . married name unknown.

Members of this family moved from Beaver county, Pa., to Trumbull county, Ohio, about 1831. The son Joseph and family came to Ossian, Ind.;

the son Jesse and family to New Haven, Ind., in 1845, and the daughter Lettie Foughty and family to Ossian, Ind., in 1851. Sarah Milholland Gorrell died at the home of her son-in-law and daughter, John W. Foughty and wife, Columbiana county, Ohio, Feb. 18, 1849. Lettie (Gorrell) Foughty was born in 1815 and died near Ossian, Ind., in 1861.

Joseph Gorrell, seventh son named in the second paragraph above, was born in Beaver county, Pa., Aug. 3, 1802. On Sept. 13, 1825, he was united in marriage with Esther Glass, who was born in the same county and state Sept. 5, 1800. To them were born:

James Gorrell, Sept. 3, 1826. Died Aug. 20, 1902.

John Glass Gorrell, Sept. 29, 1828. Died March 3, 1903.

Milo J. Gorrell, Sept. 15, 1830. Died June 7, 1915.

William Gorrell, Jan. 16, 1833. Died at the age of thirteen years.

Joseph Riddle Gorrell, May 16, 1835. Died May 25, 1916.

Twin daughters, Feb. 28, 1839. Died at the age of six months.

Matilda Gorrell (Hatfield), July 14, 1837. Died....

Andrew Glass Gorrell, July 14, 1840. Died March 20, 1917.

Cyrus Vanemon Gorrell, Jan. 4, 1843. Died March 10, 1910.

James Gorrell and Mary Ann Milliken (born Feb. 17, 1832, died June 15, 1913), were united in marriage Aug. 8, 1850, at Ossian, Ind., by the Rev. Wilson M. Donaldson of the Presbysterian church. Samuel Milliken and family, parents of Mary Ann, came from Juniata county, Pa., to Trumbull county, Ohio, in 1835, and from there to Ossian, Ind., in 1849. To James Gorrell and wife were born at Ossian, Ind.:

Sarah Milliken Gorrell, May 12, 1851. Died Feb. 2, 1853.

Joseph J. Gorrell, Dec. 7, 1852. Died at Winamac, Ind., June 10, 1925.

Infant son, July 25, 1854. Lived but one day.

Samuel Mark Gorrell, Jan. 25, 1859. Died at Bremen, Ind., July 25, 1925.

Esther May Gorrell, April 14, 1861. Died at Bluffton, Ind., Aug. 21, 1936.

Horace Grant Gorrell, Aug. 24, 1863. Died Aug. 5, 1868.

Etta Wilmina Gorrell, Oct. 3, 1865. Died July 31, 1934.

Daisy Blanch Gorrell, Aug. 7, 1869. Died Aug. 30, 1870.

James Donaldson Gorrell, Aug. 23, 1871. Died at North Judson, Ind., Aug. 27, 1902.

JOSEPH GORRELL FAMILY

Joseph J. Gorrell and Emma Jane Lewis, (born in Jay county, Ind., April 21, 1861, died at Winamac, Ind., Dec. 11, 1949) daughter of David and Harriett (Fetters) Lewis, were united in marriage by the Rev. John Mitchell at Ossian, Ind., June 6, 1878. To them were born:

Edmund Clive Gorrell at Ossian, Ind., May 23, 1879.

Vivian Frances Gorrell at Ossian, Ind., April 19, 1883. Died at Winamac, Ind., June 26, 1932.

Hazel Faye Gorrell at Winchester, Ind., Feb. 19, 1887.

Edmund Clive Gorrell and Bess Pauline Hazelton, (born at St. Johns, Mich., June 29, 1879) daughter of Frank and Rose Hazelton, were united in marriage by the Rev. J. Ladd Thomas, in Chicago, Sept. 14, 1908. To them were born at Winamac, Ind.:

Jean Rosanna Gorrell, Dec. 9, 1909. Died June 4, 1912.

Mary Elizabeth Gorrell, June 16, 1913.

Robert Hazelton Gorrell, Jan. 20, 1915. Died Jan. 27, 1915.

Janet Josephine Gorrell, Dec. 20, 1918.

Mary Elizabeth Gorrell and Dr. Donald Joseph Caseley, (born Jan. 24, 1912, at Sullivan, Ill.) son of Aubrey and Mabelle Caseley, were united in

marriage at the Winamac, Ind., Presbyterian church Sept. 8, 1936, by the Rev. Harold Martin. To them were born at Indianapolis, Ind.:

Jane Caseley, Nov. 4, 1942.

David Gorrell Caseley, March 10, 1948.

Janet Josephine Gorrell and Verlin Raymond Meyer, (born at Winamac, Ind., May 1, 1919) son of Ray and Lucy Meyer, were united in marriage at Indianapolis, Ind., June 27, 1949, by the Rev. Roy B. Connor Jr., pastor of Meridian Heights Presbyterian church.

Vivian Frances Gorrell and Chester Clarkson Blinn, (born in Carroll county, Ind., May 17, 1879; died July 25, 1948) son of Adam and Henrietta Blinn, were united in marriage in Winamac on March 24, 1908.

To Hazel Faye Gorrell Stephens, by her marriage to Frank Stephens, was born, at Star City, Ind:

Louanna Frances Stephens, Feb. 21, 1923.

Louanna Frances Stephens and Frederick Adolph Deutschman, (born at Ahmeek, Mich., June 17, 1918) son of John and Catherine Deutschman, were united in marriage at the Winamac, Ind., Presbyterian church, April 19, 1953, by the Rev. C. D. Barringer.

MARK GORRELL FAMILY

Samuel Mark Gorrell and Alice Mitchell, (born March 22, 1861 in Jennings county, Ind., died Oct. 26, 1942, at Bremen, Ind.) daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. John Mitchell, were united in marriage by her father at Ossian, Ind., Dec. 28, 1880. To them were born:

Claude Mitchell Gorrell at Ossian, Ind., Feb. 2, 1882. Died at Grandview, Ill., Sept. 7, 1883.

Ethel May Gorrell at Huntington, Ind., March 7, 1884. Died June 15, 1891, at Lima, Ohio.

James Kenneth Gorrell at Huntington, Ind., Dec. 2, 1887.

Verne Stanley Gorrell at Huntington, Ind, July 12, 1890.

Charles Scott Gorrell at Muncie, Ind., Aug. 22, 1892.

Russell Louis Gorrell at Knox, Ind., Nov. 1, 1894. Died Nov. 8, 1940, at Arvada, Colo.

Stuart Graham Gorrell at Knox, Ind, Sept. 17, 1901.

James Kenneth Gorrell and Edna Pearl Stock, (born at Bremen, Ind., Jan. 24, 1893) daughter of George and Anna Stock, were united in marriage at Bremen, Ind., Oct 2, 1913, by the Rev. J. W. Lake, pastor of Grace United Brethren church of Bremen. To them were born:

Robert Mark Gorrell, Aug. 9, 1914.

Jane Gorrell, Sept. 21, 1916.

Robert Mark Gorrell and Johnnie Belle Thomas, daughter of Walter and Ella Thomas, were married Aug. 9, 1939. To them were born:

Mark Gorrell, Jan. 10, 1941.

Sara Gorrell, Jan. 12, 1946.

Jane Gorrell and James Frederick Crittenden, son of Edgar and Laura Crittenden, were united in marriage Oct. 26, 1937. To them were born:

Stephen James Crittenden, June 26, 1939.

John Marsh Crittenden, April 30, 1943.

Verne Stanley Gorrell and Maude Violet Siefer (born at Bremen, Ind., March 14, 1892; died June 22, 1916) daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George W. Siefer, were united in marriage at Bremen, Ind., Oct. 29, 1913, by the Rev. J. W. Lake.

Verne Stanley Gorrell and Mae Hoffman (born at Winamac, Ind., May 19, 1891) daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Hoffman, were united in marriage at Winamac, Ind., Nov. 14, 1928, by the Rev. S. F. Weigand, pastor of St. Peter's Catholic church.

Charles Scott Gorrell and Hazel Lenore Emigh, (born at Union Mills, Ind., Oct. 21, 1892) daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Henry Emigh, were united in marriage at Bass Lake, Ind., Oct. 2, 1916, by the Rev. Earl Gray. To them were born:

James Scott Gorrell, July 28, 1917.

David Henry Gorrell, Oct. 7, 1924.

James Scott Gorrell and Patricia Ellen O'Hearn, (born Aug. 28, 1918) daughter of Robert and Ella O'Hearn, were united in marriage in South Bend, Ind., July 12, 1941, by the Rev. Lawrence Ferguson. To them were born:

Susan Elizabeth Gorrell, Aug. 14, 1942.

Robert Scott Gorrell, July 11, 1944.

Nancy Ann Gorrell, Oct. 15, 1947.

David Henry Gorrell and Gloria Jean Stellner, (born Sept. 19, 1926) daughter of Russell and Mabel Stellner, were united in marriage at Columbus, Miss., April 24, 1942, by the Rev. Mr. Gregory. To them were born:

David Michael Gorrell, July 20, 1943.

Paula Sue Gorrell, Nov. 19, 1947.

Rebecca Ann Gorrell, Oct. 9, 1950.

Russell Louis Gorrell and Hazel Jeanette Atherly, (born at Ft. Collins, Colo., Aug. 17, 1894) daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Everett A. Atherly, were united in marriage at Ft. Collins, Colo., Feb. 21, 1918, by the Rev. Robert H. Forrester. To them were born:

Lloyd Wendell Gorrell, May 5, 1921.

Kenneth Mark Gorrell, July 21, 1925.

Gordon Louis Gorrell, Dec. 1, 1927.

Lloyd Wendell Gorrell and Leona Faye Phelps, (born July 7, 1922) daughter of Rodney and Dollie Phelps, were united in marriage at Arvada, Colo., March 19, 1942, by the Rev. L. Brooks Laumann.

Kenneth Mark Gorrell and Teresa Yvonne Gauthier, (born Oct. 2, 1927) daughter of Lloyd and Vera Gauthier, were united in marriage at Arvada, Colo., Aug. 11, 1950, by the Rev. Forrest Allen. To them was born:

Cheryl Jeanette Gorrell, July 30, 1952.

Gordon Louis Gorrell and Dorothy Irene Abrams, (born July 2, 1928) daughter of Bernard and Irene Abrams, were united in marriage at Denver, Colo., Dec. 26, 1949, by the Rev. Lowell B. Swan. To them was born:

Diane Louise Gorrell, Nov. 24, 1951.

Stuart Graham Gorrell and Edith Elizabeth Miner, (born at Minneapolis, Kans., Aug. 17, 1904) daughter of Francis E. and Frances D. Miner, were united in marriage at Toledo, Ohio, Jan. 18, 1930, by the Rev. Ignatius Kelly, D. D. To them was born:

Mary Gay Gorrell ,Oct. 5, 1943.

DAVID SWAIM FAMILY

Esther May Gorrell and David Hathaway Swaim (born Sept. 17, 1858, died Sept. 6, 1939) were united in marriage at Ossian, Ind., by the Rev W. M. Lawson, Sept. 16, 1885. To them were born, at Bluffton, Ind.:

Helen Swaim, Nov. 19, 1888. Died Dec. 11, 1931.

Roger Gorrell Swaim, March 9, 1897.

Helen Swaim and Frank G. Thompson, (born in Montgomery county, Ind., Jan. 5, 1890) son of Clinton and Anna Thompson, were united in marriage at Bluffton, Ind., Dec. 25, 1913. To them were born, at Bluffton:

Barbara Thompson, Sept. 24, 1914.

David Swaim Thompson, July 26, 1916.

Barbara Thompson and William Joseph Kinnally, (born in Gary, Ind., Jan. 30, 1915)son of Mr. and Mrs. John Francis Kinnally, were united in marriage in Bluffton, Ind., July 17, 1937, by the Rev. P. B. Smith. To them were born, in Indianapolis, Ind.:

Sue Kinnally, Dec. 28, 1941.

Joanne Kinnally, Oct. 16, 1943.

David Swaim Thompson and Clarabelle Chenoweth, (born at Huntington, Ind., Nov. 27, 1916)

daughter of George and Edith Chenoweth, were united in marriage at Ft. Wayne, Ind., First Methodist church June 17, 1939, by the Rev. Charles Smith. To them were born:

Judith Ann Thompson, Dec. 14, 1941.

Mary Jo Thompson, July 25, 1943.

Kathryn Thompson, March 16, 1946.

Roger Gorrell Swaim and Celia Andrews, (born March 8, 1897, at Monroe, Ind.) daughter of Dr. Morton and Agnes Andrews, were married at Decatur, Ind., May 31, 1924, by the Rev. U. S. Bridge. To them were born, at Bluffton, Ind.:

Janet Swaim, Aug. 8, 1926.

Doris Swaim, Dec. 12, 1927.

Janet Swaim and James Fait Burleigh, (born at Springfield, Ohio, July 3, 1924) son of Brown and Mae Fait Burleigh, were married at Bluffton, Ind., June 25, 1949, by the Rev. Wayne Paulen. To them was born at Bluffton, Ind.:

Timothy Swaim Burleigh, July 28, 1951.

Doris Swaim and Jack D. Bennett, (born at Neoga, Ill., March 17, 1929) son of Ferreld R. and Sarah Swank Bennett, were united in marriage at Bluffton, Ind., May 19, 1951, by the Rev. Wayne Paulen and the Rev. E. E. Kaufman.

DON GORRELL FAMILY

James Donaldson Gorrell and Lillian Grace Seegrist, (born Dec. 12, 1875) daughter of Henry and Hannah Seegrist, were united in marriage at Knox, Ind., by the Rev. C. H. Leeson, April 18, 1895. To them were born at North Judson, Ind.:

Ralph Henry Gorrell, Feb. 27, 1896.

Mary Gorrell, Sept. 13, 1897.

Martha Gorrell, July 13, 1899.

Ralph Henry Gorrell and Nellie Eudora Brown, (born May 17, 1907, at Kingsbury, Ind.) daughter of George and Nelle Brown, were united in marriage at the Laporte, Ind., Methodist church, Sept. 6, 1930, by the Rev. Alpha H. Kenna. To them were born, in Chicago:

Nancy Eudora Gorrell, Feb. 14, 1933.

James Donaldson Gorrell, July 23, 1937.

Martha Gorrell and George A. Flemming, (born at Chicago, Ill., April 28, 1899) son of George Z. and Mamie Flemming, were united in marriage July 11, 1925, at Knox, Ind., by the Rev. C. H. Leeson.

William Norman Flemming, born Sept. 3, 1926, was raised by George and Martha Flemming, his uncle and aunt.

William Norman Flemming and Barbara Alice Forster, (born Aug. 6, 1927, at Pleasant Ridge, Mich.) daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Charles Forster, were united in marriage at Christ church, Cranbrook, Bloomfield Hills, Mich., Aug. 5, 1950, by the Rev. Lawrence Pearson.

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